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Weſtminſter, Nov. 27.

HER Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Mr. *Aſton*, Deputy Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from Her Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majeſty was pleaſed to make a moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAving newly Receiv'd Letters from the King of Spain, *and the Earl of* Peterborough, *which contain a very particular Account of Our Great and Happy Succeſſes in* Catalonia; *And ſhewing at the ſame time the Reaſonableneſs of their being immediately Supported: I look upon this to be a Matter of ſo much Conſequence in it ſelf, and ſo Agreeable to you, that I have Ordered a Copy of the King of* Spain's *Letter to My Self; a Letter from the Junta of the Military Arme of* Catalonia; *and another Letter from the City of* Vich; *as alſo an Extract of the Earl of* Peterborough's *Letter to Me, to be Communicated to both Houſes of Parliament.*

I recommend the Conſideration of them to you. Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, *very particularly, as the Speedieſt Way to Reſtore the Monarchy of* Spain *to the Houſe of* Auſtria; *And therefore I Aſſure My Self you will Enable Me to Proſecute the Advantages We have Gained in the moſt Effectual Manner, and to Improve the Opportunity, which God Almighty is pleaſed to Afford Us, of putting a Proſperous End to the preſent War.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I muſt not Loſe this Occaſion of Deſiring you to give as much Diſpatch to the Matters before you, as the Nature of them will Allow, that ſo Our Preparations for next Year may be Early, which cannot fail of being of great Advantage to Us.

From the French Camp before Nice, Nov. 11. *N. S.* The Duke of Berwick arrived here the 31ſt paſt; but we were hindred during ſeveral days from proceeding in this Siege, by the overflowing of the River Var, whoſe Waters had in a manner ſurrounded our Camp, and by the want of Artillery, Ammunition, and other Neceſſaries, the Ships that were to bring them from Toulon being kept back by contrary Winds. At length the Rains, which occaſioned this Inundation, being ceaſed, the Ships arrived at Villafranca, and our Cannon and Stores landed, we have begun to raiſe a Battery of 6 Guns againſt the Town, and another againſt the Caſtle. We believe we may be ſoon Maſters of the Town; but the Caſtle being very well fortified both by Art and Nature, and having in it a ſtrong Gariſon, well provided with all Neceſſaries for its Defence, we cannot but expect to meet with great Difficulties in this Undertaking, eſpecially conſidering the Seaſon of the Year, and the Weakneſs of our Army, which conſiſts of no more than 15 Battalions.

Inſpruch, Nov. 9. The Regiment of Dragoons of Caſſell, conſiſting of 1000 Men, paſſed by this Place the 6th Inſtant towards Italy, whither more Troops are likewiſe marching, to reinforce the Imperial Army commanded by Prince Eugene, which, according to our laſt Advices, had paſſ'd the Oglio, and lay between Vrago and Chiari: The Duke of Vendoſme, with the French Army under his Command, was advanced to Pumenengo to obſerve the Imperialiſts.

Falmouth, Nov. 24. The Marlborough of Leverpoole, James Mack-Mullen Maſter, arrived in this Port yeſterday from Virginia: She came from thence the 4th of the laſt Month, in the Company of 43 Sail of Merchant-men, under Convoy of Her Majeſty's Ships the Kingſton and Falkland, and was ſeparated from them by bad Weather the 21ſt Inſtant off of Uſhant.

Plimouth, Nov. 25. The 22d Inſtant came in here the Rogers of this Place, Abraham Peters Maſter, homeward bound from Virginia. This day came in Her Majeſty's Ships the Kent and Cambridge from the Streights, having parted from Her Majeſty's Fleet under the Command of Sir Cloudeſly Shovell off of this Harbour.

Briſtol, Nov. 24. The 21ſt Inſtant came into Pill the Matthew of London, Lawrence Shee Maſter, from the Canaries. The next morning the Faulconberg of London from Africa, but laſt from Fyal, was forced aſhore near Portſheets Fort, having loſt her Rudder the night before upon the Welſh Sands. The Juphrow Magdalena came in the 20th from Stockholme; and the Kate and Sarah the 22d from Bally-Shannon in Ireland.

Dartmouth, Nov. 25. On the 23d Inſtant came into this Port the Thomas of London, commanded by Captain Ralph Headſly, from Virginia: She came with the Fleet from thence, but was ſeparated from it the 14th Inſtant in bad Weather, about 300 Leagues to the Weſtward of this Place. The Captain ſays, he left that Colony very healthy. The ſame day came in another Ship belonging to the ſame Fleet, which ſhe left the 20th Inſtant in the Soundings: She is called the Crow of London, Captain Ralph Mott Commander.

Cowes, Nov. 26. The 23d Inſtant came into our Road the Aaron of London, Thomas Smith Maſter, from Virginia, from whence ſhe came in the Company of a Fleet of Merchant-men, convoyed by two of Her Majeſty's Ships; but parted from them in a Storm the 20th Inſtant, about 7 Leagues from Scilly. Yeſterday came into St. Hellens about 35

Sail